

once unemployed are more likely than others to remain unemployed, which is why we need to revitalize our economy by supporting those who found themselves out of work before retirement.

Earlier this week, I introduced the bipartisan Empowering Encore Entrepreneurs Act, which will support older Americans working hard to start or expand a small business.

There are currently over 7 million self-employed workers in the U.S. age 50 or older, which demonstrates a tremendous capacity of older workers to contribute to our economy and create jobs when given the right resources.

My bill, which is supported by the AARP, will improve the capacity of entrepreneurs to begin small businesses and help successful small business owners make their enterprises even more prosperous.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

ONGOING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN VENEZUELA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of those fighting for freedom in Venezuela.

This morning our House Foreign Affairs Committee passed my bipartisan measure, H.R. 4587, the Venezuelan Human Rights and Democracy Protection Act, which will sanction members of the Maduro regime responsible for gross human rights violations.

Just a few days ago, Mr. Speaker, Human Rights Watch released a deeply troubling report that made clear that there has been "a serious pattern of abuse by Venezuelan security forces."

The report mentions stories like that of Lisandro Barazarte, a 40-year-old photographer for a local newspaper who said, "I live in suspense, because I don't know from where they are going to shoot at me." Or Jose Romero, only 17 years old, who was stopped by a national guardsman when coming out of a metro station and was taken to a building where he was threatened with death, beaten, and even burned.

Even as this brutality continues, the Obama administration and Congress have yet to act. I urge my colleagues to support bringing this important measure, which is bipartisan, to the floor immediately to support the people of Venezuela and to send a clear signal to the Maduro regime that his reign of oppression will have serious consequences.

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NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and highlight National Travel and Tourism Week.

In Hawaii, we proudly showcase the world's most beautiful beaches, national parks, coral reefs, and hiking trails, many of which I enjoy as much as possible when I get home. Our robust and growing tourism industry is truly the backbone of our economy, generating more than \$10 billion in visitor spending each year.

From the lush cliffs of the Na Pali Coast of Kauai to Kilauea, the world's most active volcano, to whale watching around Maui, my home district, hosts some of the world's most awe-inspiring natural beauty. Every year, we welcome more visitors from around the world for tourism, business, cultural, and educational exchanges.

Hawaii is a leader in hospitality and we welcome all of our guests with the spirit of aloha. This week, I am proud to recognize all those who contribute to our world-class tourism industry, and will continue to work to strengthen this industry and give thanks to those who show their aloha to our visitors every day. Aloha.

HONORING OUR COURAGEOUS NURSES

(Mr. BENTIVOLIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, you can always identify them in a crowd wearing blue, green, pink, and yellow, and sometimes wearing a white coat. They have wings on their backs and many times a tired, tilted halo over their heads. The often miss holidays and similar events with family and friends. They work during times the rest of us sleep 24/7. They are educators who provide a concerned ear and empathetic heart, a smile supported by professionalism, and an unmatched sense of selfless service for those in need. They are angels of mercy.

May God bless our courageous nurses, and especially this week.

Mr. Speaker, may I say to that special nurse in my life: I love you.

MILITARY MATERNITY LEAVE

(Ms. DUCKWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, women in our military are contributing more than ever. They serve with distinction in Afghanistan and at duty posts around the globe. Women are an irreplaceable piece of the strongest and most capable military in the world.

Now, it is time that we show them the respect they deserve. Today, I am introducing the MOM Act with my colleagues, Congresswomen BORDALLO and NOEM. It will extend maternity leave for women in uniform from 6 weeks to 12 weeks. This bill would increase leave for military women to the same amount that the Family and Medical Leave Act guarantees their civilian sis-

ters. Women in Federal service also have 12 weeks of maternity leave, yet the bravest among us only receive 6 weeks after the birth of their child.

Mothers and fathers across the Nation understand the importance of maternity leave. More workers return to work if they are given sufficient time to recover. Maternity leave gives us healthier babies and stronger families.

Mothers in the military inevitably face separation from their children when they are deployed and serving our Nation around the globe. Extending maternity leave for these women is the least we can do for those who sacrifice so much for our country.

Mr. Speaker, this Mother's Day, let's stand up for the women who dedicate their lives to standing up for the rest of us. Let's pass the MOM Act.

ADDRESSING THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BACKLOG

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks, we have made some strides in the area of the Department of Veterans Affairs and what that means for the Nation's veterans as well. Addressing the huge backlog and the atrocious practice of assigning bonuses to the upper members of the Department of Veterans Affairs for not getting the backlog done is an area we still need to continue to address.

We are also working on a project here that would allow our caseworkers in our congressional offices to have stronger jurisdiction in helping our veterans' cases. We have a situation where brokering happens where one office may broker a case to a different VA office elsewhere, maybe in the same State or in a different State, and we find that the one office can't help us, yet the new office where it has been brokered to doesn't seem to believe they can talk to us or our staff either.

We want to put the word out to Secretary Shinseki and all of the VA about the need to allow us as representatives of the people to have that firsthand ability to help our veterans have their cases solved and heard timely, no matter what the office jurisdiction is. We are looking for that help in that pronouncement by the Secretary to get this reform through.

HONORING JENNA HINMAN

(Mr. MAFFEI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a very heavy heart to honor and remember Jenna Hinman. Jenna Hinman was 26 years old. She and her husband, U.S. Army Sergeant Brandon Hinman, were thrilled to learn she was pregnant last year while Brandon was stationed at Fort Drum in New York State.

But tragically this past month, during an emergency cesarean section to save the lives of their twin girls, doctors learned Jenna was suffering from a rare and very serious form of cancer. She and the medical teams at Cross Hospital and Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse fought the disease heroically for 2 months, but on May 5 she passed away.

Jenna and her family's story touched the lives of so many people, strangers and friends alike, from around the world who were devastated to hear of Jenna's passing.

There is no way to truly express the deep sadness that comes from losing someone so young with such a bright future ahead, to think about the beautiful baby girls that will have to grow up without their mother physically on this Earth.

Mr. Speaker, the family gave me this bracelet to remind me to pray for Jenna Hinman while she was still alive. It says: "Prayers for Jenna, God protect this family."

Mr. Speaker, I pray that God will protect Jenna's husband, her parents, her brother, and particularly these young girls, and may God bless Jenna Hinman, a true American hero.

NIGERIAN KIDNAPPED GIRLS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this week, women Members of the United States House of Representatives went to the Nigerian Embassy to plead and to insist on the fight to bring our girls home and, as well, to establish a victims' fund and to find and bring the thug Sekau, the leader of the Boko Haram terrorist group, to justice.

Today, I am going to read a few names of those girls that are missing for those mothers who are longing for their return:

Rebecca Luka, Laraba John, Saratu Markus, Mary Usman, Debora Yahonna, Naomi Zakaria, Hanatu Musa, Hauwa Tella, Juliana Yakubu, Suzana Yakubu, Saraya Paul, Jummai Paul, Mary Sule, Jummai John, Yanke Shittima, Muli Waligam, Fatima Tabji, and Eli Joseph.

I will put all of them in the RECORD.

In honor of Mother's Day, I mourn with those mothers, I pray for mothers across America, and I pray for the Nigerian mothers whose children are still missing.

May I ask prayers for all who are longing now for their children to return, and may I offer my blessings to my late mother, Ivalita Jackson.

NIGERIAN KIDNAPPED GIRLS

Deborah Abge; Awa Abge; Hauwa Yirma; Asabe Manu; Mwa Malam Pogu; Patient Dzakwa; Saraya Mal. Stover; Mary Dauda; Gloria Mainta; Hanatu Ishaku; Gloria Dama; Tabitha Pogu; Maifa Dama; Ruth Kollo; Esther Usman; Awa James; Anthonia Yahonna; Kume Mutah; Aisha Ezekial; Nguba Buba; Kwanta Simon; Kummai Aboku; Esther

Markus; Hana Stephen; Rifkatu Amos; Rebecca Mallum; Blessing Abana; Ladi Wadai; Tabitha Hyelampa; Ruth Ngladar; Safiya Abdu; Na'omi Yahonna; Solomi Titus; Rhoda John; Rebecca Kabu; Christy Yahi; Saratu Emmanuel; Deborah Peter; Rahila Bitrus; Luggwa Sando; Kauna Lalai; Lydia Emmar; Laraba Maman; Hauwa Isuwa; Comfort Habila; Hauwa Abdu; Hauwa Balti; Yana Joshua; Laraba Paul; Saraya Amos; Glory Yaga; Na'omi Bitrus; Godiya Bitrus; Awa Bitrus; Na'omi Luka; Maryamu Lawan; Tabitha Silas; Mary Yahona; Ladi Joel; Rejoice Sanki; Luggwa Samuel; Comfort Amos; Saraya Samuel; Sicker Abdul; Talata Daniel; Rejoice Musa; Deborah Abari; Salomi Pogu; Mary Amor; Ruth Joshua; Esther John; Esther Ayuba; Maryamu Yakubu; Zara Ishaku; Maryamu Wavi; Lydia Habila; Laraba Yahonna; Na'omi Bitrus; Rahila Yehanna; Ruth Lawan; Ladi Paul; Mary Paul; Esther Joshua; Helen Musa; Margret Watsai; Deborah Jafaru; Filo Dauda; Febi Haruna; Ruth Ishaku; Racheal Nkeki; Rifkatu Solomon; Mairama Yahaya; Saratu Dauda; Jinkai Yama; Margret Shettima; Yana Yidau; Grace Paul; Amina Ali; Palmata Musa; Awagana Musa; Pindar Nuhu; Yana Pogu; Saraya Musa; Hauwa Joseph; Hauwa Kwakwi; [No name released]; Hauwa Musa; Maryamu Musa; Maimuna Usman; Rebecca Joseph; Liyatu Habitu; Rifkatu Yakubu; Naomi Philimon; Deborah Abbas; Ladi Ibrahim; Asabe Ali; Maryamu Bulama; Ruth Amos; Mary Ali; Abigail Bukar; Deborah Amos; Saraya Yanga; Kauna Luka; Christiana Bitrus; Yana Bukar; Hauwa Peter; Hadiza Yakubu; Lydia Simon; Ruth Bitrus; Mary Yakubu; Lugwa Mutah; Muwa Daniel; Hanatu Nuhu; Monica Enoch; Margret Yama; Docas Yakubu; Rhoda Peter; Rifkatu Galang; Saratu Ayuba; Naomi Adamu; Hauwa Ishaya; Rahap Ibrahim; [No name released]; Deborah Solomon; Hauwa Mutah; Hauwa Takai; Serah Samuel; Aishatu Musa; Aishatu Grema; Hauwa Nkeki; Hamsatu Abubakar; Mairama Abubakar; Hauwa Wule; Ihyi Abdu; Hasana Adamu; Rakiya Kwamtah; Halima Gamba; Aisha Lawan; Kabu Malla; Yayi Abana; Falta Lawan; Kwadugu Manu.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE DAVE CAMP, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable DAVE CAMP, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, May 9, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that the Committee on Ways and Means has received an administrative subpoena, issued by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, for documents.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel regarding the subpoena, I will make the determinations required under Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

DAVE CAMP,
Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF DIRECTOR, SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Brian Sutter, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, May 9, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have received (i) an administrative subpoena, issued by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, for documents and testimony, and (ii) a grand jury subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, for testimony.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel regarding the subpoenas, I will make the determinations required under Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SUTTER,
Staff Director,
Subcommittee on Health.

FASCIST INTOLERANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I am going to read the background of an incredible woman. We have different religious views because I am a Christian and she is apparently an atheist at this time, but what an extraordinary woman: Ayaan Hirsi Ali. She is a visiting fellow with the American Enterprise Institute:

Ayaan Hirsi Ali, an outspoken defender of women's rights in Islamic societies, was born in Mogadishu, Somalia. She escaped an arranged marriage by immigrating to the Netherlands in 1992 and served as a member of the Dutch parliament from 2003 to 2006. In parliament, she worked on furthering the integration of non-Western immigrants into Dutch society and defending the rights of women in Dutch Muslim society. In 2004, together with director Theo van Gogh, she made "Submission," a film about the oppression of women in conservative Islamic cultures. The airing of the film on Dutch television resulted in the assassination of Mr. Van Gogh by an Islamic extremist. At AEI, Ms. Hirsi Ali researches the relationship between the West and Islam, women's rights in Islam, violence against women propagated by religious and cultural arguments, and Islam in Europe.

Her background, as mentioned, she was a member of the parliament in the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy, the Netherlands, 2003 to 2006. She was a researcher at the Wiardi Beckman Foundation in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2001 to 2002. And she had been an interpreter and adviser in the Office of Intercultural Communication, Leiden, the Netherlands, 1995 to